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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	52	Minus	** = 52	0	\$50 (25)	0
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** = 3	0	\$200 (100)	0
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 10, 2006, having a
 three-month period for response set to expire on May 10, 2006, please amend the above-
 identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.